



MOST IMPOSING CEREMONIAL IN AMERICAN HISTORY MARKS THE CELEBRATION OF THE NATION'S THREE HUNDREDTH BIRTHDAY AND THE BRILLIANT OPENING OF THE JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES



PARADE BEING REVIEWED BY PRESIDENT.
This parade was one of the notable features of the opening day of the exposition.

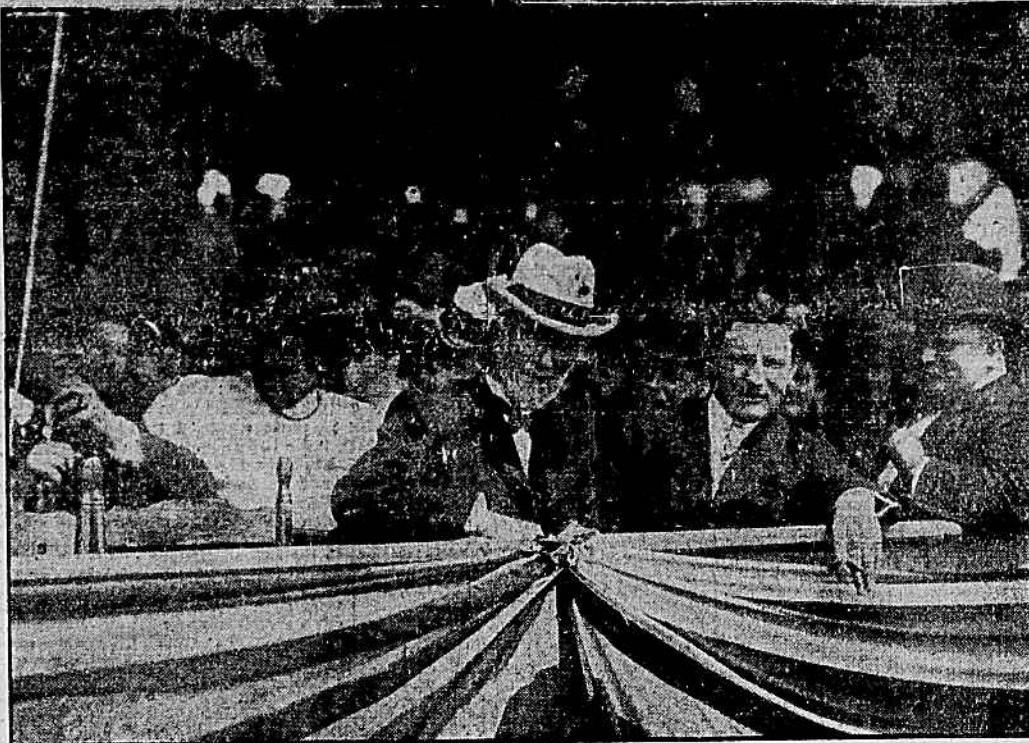
Women In Serious Danger Of Being Trampled Upon

President Roosevelt Averts This by Appealing to Men as Virginians to Protect the Weak.

CAVALRY AND INFANTRY RELIEVE THE PRESSURE

By Skillful Movements the Crush From the Outskirts is Stopped, and No More Trouble Occurs—Mr. Roosevelt's Views on Important Subjects.

By ALLEN POTTS.
JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION GROUNDS, April 26.—"Old Virginia salutes you!" was the welcome extended to President Roosevelt this morning at 11 o'clock by President Tucker as the chief executive landed at the government pier.
The day broke with typical Roosevelt weather, bright sunshine overhead and a pleasant breeze making the Exposition Grounds as attractive as the country in May. Crowds began to swarm as early as 7 and 8 o'clock, and there were possibly not less than 100,000 people within the inclosure when the battery of the Third United States Artillery, in command of Major Horn, fired the salute of twenty-one guns that announced the arrival of the President.
When day broke this morning the view in Hampton Roads on the Exposition Grounds was possibly the most remarkable one of its kind this country has ever seen. Not less than sixty warships belonging to Uncle Sam, Great Britain, Germany, Austria, Argentina, Chile, Mexico and Uruguay, formed two great lines, reaching from Fort Monroe at one end to the mouth of Norfolk harbor at the other. The brilliant white of the United States warships, with their yellow funnels, showed in sharp contrast to the fighting gray of England's squadron and the hulls of the other fighting machines.
Craft of every description swarmed among the line of battle-ships—steamers, tugs, yachts and sailing vessels ran up and down the line, looking like pigmies compared with the monster war vessels.
WHOLE FLEET FIRES NATIONAL SALUTE.
At 8 o'clock Secretary Metcalf, on board the yacht Dolphin, came into the roads, and the guns of the American and foreign vessels broke into a loud greeting. A little later Governor Warfield, of Maryland, on board the yacht Columbia, steamed down the line and received the executive salute of nineteen guns. Later still the whole fleet echoed with round after round of salutes, when the President passed down the review line on board the Mayflower, and finally the whole fleet fired 300 guns in honor of the three-hundredth birthday of the nation.
At 9:30 o'clock President Roosevelt received the commanding officers of the foreign warships on board his yacht, which had dropped anchor midway down the line, and next the anchorage of the giant gray cruiser Good Hope, Admiral Neville's flagship, commanding the British squadron.
During the ceremonies the crowd on shore had largely increased, thousands coming in by every kind of transportation. Boat loads of people surged through the gates, and those at the railway station and electric car lines fought to gain entrance into the grounds. Women and children fainted in the struggle, and many accidents were occasioned on account of the crush.
The day, of course, began officially with the landing of the President, for not until he had reached the shore and had been driven between lines of infantry regulars to Lee's Parade Grounds and had pressed there a gold button, was the exposition officially opened.
PRESIDENT APPLAUDS "GARRY O."
Having reached the stand on Lee's Parade Grounds the ceremonies of the day were begun by prayer by Right Rev. Arthur McGill Randolph, Bishop of Southern Virginia. Mr. Tucker then delivered an eloquent address, dealing with the plan and scope of the exposition, and describing the reason of its being held. The remark that called forth most vigorous applause was that which stated that had it not been for President Roosevelt the exposition could never have taken place, and that it was due to his assistance and counsel that it has reached such a successful opening. Following Mr.



SPEAKER CANNON AND SECRETARY TAFT.
The interesting pictures on this and succeeding pages, illustrating the opening of the exposition, were taken especially for The Times-Dispatch by the Jamestown Official Photograph Company.

VISIT TO RICHMOND PLEASANTEST OF ALL

President Roosevelt Tells Lieutenant-Governor Ellyson Recollections of Visit Delightful.

[Special From a Staff Correspondent.]
JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION, VA., April 26.—President Roosevelt has not forgotten his visit to Richmond, paid about eighteen months ago, for in a conversation to-day with Lieutenant-Governor J. Taylor Ellyson, he took occasion to speak of the esteem in which he holds the people of Richmond. It was at the presidential luncheon, held in the Administration Building, and the President had been discussing the beauties of Lee's Parade. He said:
"I am very much delighted with everything I have seen, and with my very cordial reception here; but I want to tell you, Governor Ellyson, that the most delightful recollection I have of my visit I have ever paid is of the one spent in the hospitable city of Richmond."
Secretary Cortelyou said to-day to the representative of The Times-Dispatch: "I am astonished that so much has been done here under such adverse circumstances, and I congratulate the exposition officials upon their accomplishment."
Notable Gathering of Prominent Men.
At the Exposition Grounds to-day, beside the President and the members of his Cabinet and the ranking officers of the army and navy, were 150 members of the diplomatic corps, representing thirty-seven countries, twenty Governors of States, with 300 colonels in their train; 100 members of United States Senate and Congress, 500 State commissioners, 5,000 soldiers, 1,500 sailors, twenty delegates from historical societies, and 150 newspaper representatives.
It is remarkable that the greatest gathering of modern war-ships which the world has ever seen should have taken place to-day in the very waters made memorable by the battle between

CUT THROAT, THEN SHOT HIMSELF

J. R. Bush Found Dead After Long Search by His Relatives.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
TOANO, VA., April 26.—J. R. Bush, one of the most prominent men of the Peninsula, committed suicide this morning by first cutting his throat and afterward shooting himself. Mr. Bush had been suffering from nervous prostration for several weeks, and his family thought he was some better yesterday. When his nephew went to his room this morning to give him a toddy he found it vacant, and at once went in search of him. Not finding him in the house or around the place, he became alarmed, and notified the neighbors, who searched the woods all day.
The body was found this afternoon about one mile from his home. He was lying on his face with a small gash on the right side of his throat and a rope tied around his neck. His knife was found in his pocket bloody, showing that he had attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat. He wrote a note and pinned it on a tree a few yards from where his body was found, saying: "I die to-night. Bury me where I like. My people, relatives and friends, none better: I love you."
Mr. Bush was of one of the best families in Virginia, being related to some of the best people of the State. He was sixty-two years old and a bachelor. He leaves one brother, who is a prominent lawyer in Birmingham, Ala., and one sister.

THOUSANDS GO FROM RICHMOND

General Approval Expressed and All Pleased With Promise of Great Show.

[Special From a Staff Correspondent.]
JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION, April 26.—All Richmond was at the exposition to-day. So, at least, it would seem from a walk through the grounds, when familiar faces were found on every hand. Large crowds patronized the excursions over the Norfolk and Western and the Chesapeake and Ohio, the latter road carrying two long trains well filled with Richmonders. Quite a large number had made arrangements for being on the ground in good time, and went down Thursday, either by train or by the night boat.
The excursions were admirably handled in nearly every particular, the trains leaving promptly on schedule time and making a good, clear run without unnecessary delay. The only serious hitch in the arrangements for the comfort of the Richmonders occurred on the Chesapeake and Ohio trip after the arrival at Newport News. A well-arranged and swift passenger ferry was in waiting for the crowd, the boat being a double-decker, somewhat after the New York City type. Curiously enough, however, only a single gang-plank was put over the side, and the passengers were made to pass in single file and show tickets. There was consequently considerable delay in getting the large number of people on board, and still greater delay in unloading at the Pine Beach pier.
General Approval.
The government piers at Jamestown are not yet completed, and from their appearance will be the last thing finished on the grounds. Meanwhile the steamers are being landed at the Pine Beach pier, about fifteen minutes' walk from the exposition gates. No arrangements apparently were made for car service along this way, although there was a double-track trolley line.
Another congestion of the crowd

THE PRESIDENT ABOUT TO BEGIN HIS SPEECH.
The President's little son, Kermit, will be recognized to the right of Mr. Roosevelt.

President Presses Gold Button And Opens Exposition

Exercises Held in Presence of Tens of Thousands—All Nations of World Represented.

GREAT NAVAL REVIEW FEATURE OF PROGRAM

President Took Great Interest in This Event; Fleets of All Nations Greet Him With Roar of Cannon; Reception Dinner to Executive Close Eventful Day.

BY WALTER EDWARD HARRIS.
JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION GROUNDS, April 26.—The celebration to-day of the three-hundredth anniversary of the founding of Anglo-Saxon supremacy in America must stand as being the most impressive ceremonial event in our history thus far. The President of the United States, his Cabinet, representatives of all the great powers at Washington, detachments of the three branches of the military service and the most powerful fleet ever assembled in American history, all were united in the ceremonies to-day, combining to create one of the most magnificent spectacles ever presented.
No exposition was ever opened with such impressive ceremonies; none ever threw open its gates upon such a memorable anniversary, and none ever had such a magnificent setting for the spectacle provided. Thousands of flags of all nations flying in the balmy breeze of spring, gave color to the scene; booming cannon, crashing music, the martial array of marching soldiery, the far-flung line of sea-fighters of many nations anchored on the placid waters of Hampton Roads, gleaming silver in the April sunshine—all these were worked into a spectacle of unapproachable magnificence, and one which must have impressed the meanness of the tens of thousands of beholders. It was such a spectacle as has not been witnessed before and will hardly be seen again for years to come.
It was a day which made a most profound impression upon President Roosevelt, as he frequently remarked, and as he rests to-night aboard his yacht on the waters of the James on his way to visit the ruins of Jamestown and the colonial homes along the banks of the historic stream, he dreams, perchance, of the wonderful picture of to-day, one in which he was a central figure.
THUNDER OF GUNS GREETS THE PRESIDENT.
The President and his party, aboard the Mayflower, arrived in Hampton Roads before 7 o'clock this morning. The arrival of the presidential vessel was marked by a salute of twenty-one guns from the Connecticut, the flagship of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, in command of the squadron anchored in the roads, from a point opposite Fort Monroe, for two miles or more up towards Newport News. The batteries at the fort echoed the salute from the flagship as the Mayflower came to a halt. The vessels were formed in a triangle, the two bases resting to the north opposite the fort, the apex two miles up the river. The foreign vessels—the German, British, the Austrian and the Argentine craft—were given posts of honor inside the lines.
There was a short wait of probably less than an hour, and then the Mayflower proceeded at two-thirds speed up the line between the columns to the southward. It was a beautiful and inspiring sight to watch the progress of the craft, her works covered with bunting, the President on the bridge with Captain Long, intently observing every detail of the appearance of the vessels as they were pointed out to him by the naval man at his side. All the vessels were flying every character of signal flag known to the service, making a wonderful combination of colors. The jacksies and marines, spick and span, dressed ship, and as the President's yacht came opposite each vessel of the fleet, a gun boomed forth the first of a salute of twenty-one, and this continued the entire distance until the Mayflower had made the circuit and came to anchor inside the two columns opposite the flagship Connecticut, which was about the center of the formation. Admiral Evans at once came aboard, and was speedily followed by the commanders of all the other American and foreign vessels. The President and Mrs. Roosevelt received them in the cabin of the yacht, a ceremony which consumed over an hour.
At its conclusion the Mayflower steamed over to Discovery Pier at the Exposition Grounds, where a detachment of infantry, coast artillery and